

REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS

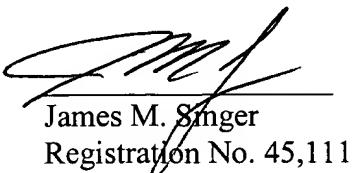
Applicant's attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given to this case in the Office Action mailed February 2, 2004. Claims 1-3, 10-18, 20-25, 66-85, and 96 have been allowed and should be passed to issue.

The Examiner has objected to the specification for two informalities in the application specification. Applicant has amended the first page of the specification to include a proper reference to issued U.S. Pat. No. 6,313, 436. Applicant has amended the first sentence of the abstract to replace the term "comprising" with the term "including". No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that the informalities have been corrected and the Examiner's objections should be withdrawn.

Claim 26 has been canceled.

In view of the remarks and amendments to the specification presented above, it is believed that pending claims 1-3, 10-18, 20-25, 66-85, and 96 are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Notification to such effect is respectfully requested. Although Applicant believes no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 50-0436 for any fees that may be due in connection with this response. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding these remarks, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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